VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF FAMILY DAY HOMES – REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS
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In determining the need for an assistant, the following fixed adult to child ratios shall be maintained for children receiving care. This includes the provider's own and resident children under eight years of age:

1. 1:4 children from birth through 15 months of age;
2. 1:5 children from 16 months through 23 months of age;
3. 1:8 children from two years through four years of age;
4. 1:16 children from five years through nine years of age;
5. Children who are 10 years of age and older shall not count in determining the ratio of adults to children for staffing purposes.

When children are in mixed age groups, the provider shall apply the following point system in determining the need for an assistant. Each care giver shall not exceed 16 points. The provider's own children and resident children under eight years of age count in point maximums:

1. Children from birth through 15 months of age count as four (4) points each;
2. Children from 16 months through 23 months of age count as three (3) points each;
3. Children from two years through four years of age count as two (2) points each;
4. Children from five through nine years of age count as one (1) point each; and
5. Children who are 10 years of age and older count as zero (0) points.

Exception: The point maximums for mixed age groups or the fixed adult to child ratios may be exceeded in one age group for no more than one child for up to one month from the date of the child's enrollment during transitional periods when there is turnover children receiving care and when the ages of the child leaving and the child entering do not match.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE IN A VOLUNTARILY REGISTERED FAMILY DAY HOME MAY NOT EXCEED FIVE (5) AT ANY ONE TIME. THE NUMBERS REFERENCED ABOVE ARE USED TO DETERMINE WHEN AN ASSISTANT IS NEEDED. THEY DO NOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT MAY BE PRESENT AT ANY ONE TIME.